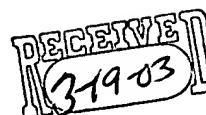


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(a)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

P. Bhagwat

Filed:

Examiner: P. B. Nguyen

Serial No. 09/240,374

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Title: Improving Performance of
Intermediate Nodes With Flow Splicing

Docket #: YOR919990014US1

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.138(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows
(check time period desired):

One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))
Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))
Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))
Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))
Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))

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\$ 1,970.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____.

☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50/0610
I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

☐ I am the applicant/inventor
☐ attorney or agent of record.

☒ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) 28,459.

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